



# Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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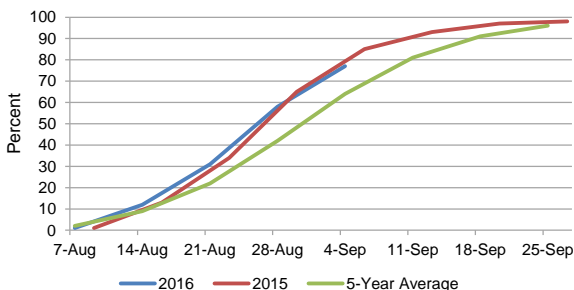
Mostly drier weather allowed Minnesota farmers 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending September 4, 2016, the most days suitable since the beginning of August, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wet conditions continued to be a challenge in some areas, with a few locations reporting several inches of rain received during the week. Many producers are still looking for some drier days to let fields firm up for harvest. Field activities for the week included finishing up small grain harvest, lifting sugarbeets, harvesting wild rice, chopping corn for silage, and tilling harvested small grain fields.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

Seventy-seven percent of the **corn** acreage was in or beyond the dent stage, 5 days ahead of the five-year average. With corn beginning to mature, corn condition rated 84 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from the previous week. Corn harvested for silage was 12 percent complete, about a week behind the average, but consistent with last year's progress. Forty percent of the **soybean** crop was turning color, 2 days ahead average, but 3 days behind last year. With 6 percent of the soybean crop dropping leaves, soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week. Small grain harvest was wrapping up across the state, with 98 percent of **spring wheat** harvested. With 44 percent of the **dry edible bean crop** dropping leaves or beyond, 11 percent of the dry edible bean crop had been harvested, 2 days ahead of average, but 2 days behind last year. Dry edible bean condition rated 67 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition rated 58 percent good to excellent. Thirty-three percent of the **potato** acreage had been harvested, a week ahead of average. Potato condition rated 89 percent good to excellent. Eight percent of the **sugarbeet** crop had been harvested. Sugarbeet condition was rated 87 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 81 percent complete. **Pasture** condition rated 76 percent good to excellent.

Percent of Corn Denting - Minnesota  
As of September 4, 2016



Crop Condition as of September 4, 2016

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn .....	1	3	12	58	26
Dry ed. beans	3	6	24	53	14
Pasture .....	1	6	17	59	17
Potatoes .....	1	2	8	59	30
Soybeans .....	1	4	16	56	23
Sugarbeets ...	1	3	9	27	60
Sunflowers ...	2	3	37	50	8

Soil Moisture Supplies as of September 4, 2016

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture .....	0	3	72	25
Subsoil moisture .....	0	2	78	20

Crop Progress as of September 4, 2016

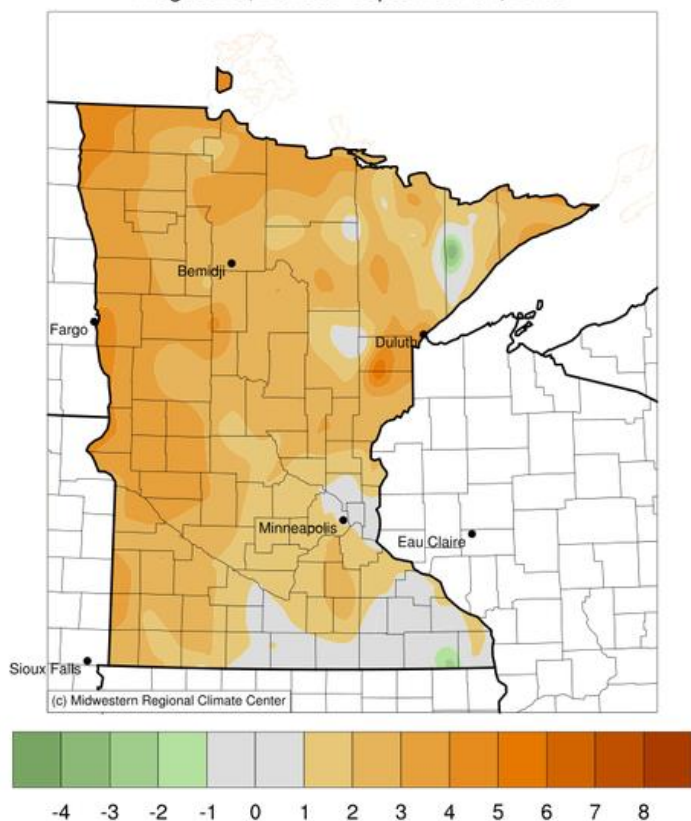
	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	4.8	4.3	5.3	5.6

	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented .....	77	58	79	64
Corn mature .....	7	0	4	6
Corn for silage harvested .....	12	3	13	24
Dry ed. beans coloring .....	92	65	92	62
Dry ed. beans drop leaves .....	44	9	64	36
Dry ed. Beans harvested .....	11	(NA)	14	9
Hay, alfalfa, third cutting .....	81	75	82	(NA)
Oats harvested .....	99	93	98	95
Potatoes harvested .....	33	25	28	25
Soybeans coloring .....	40	12	51	33
Soybeans dropping leaves .....	6	0	11	9
Spring wheat harvested .....	98	88	97	84
Sugarbeets harvested .....	8	5	8	4

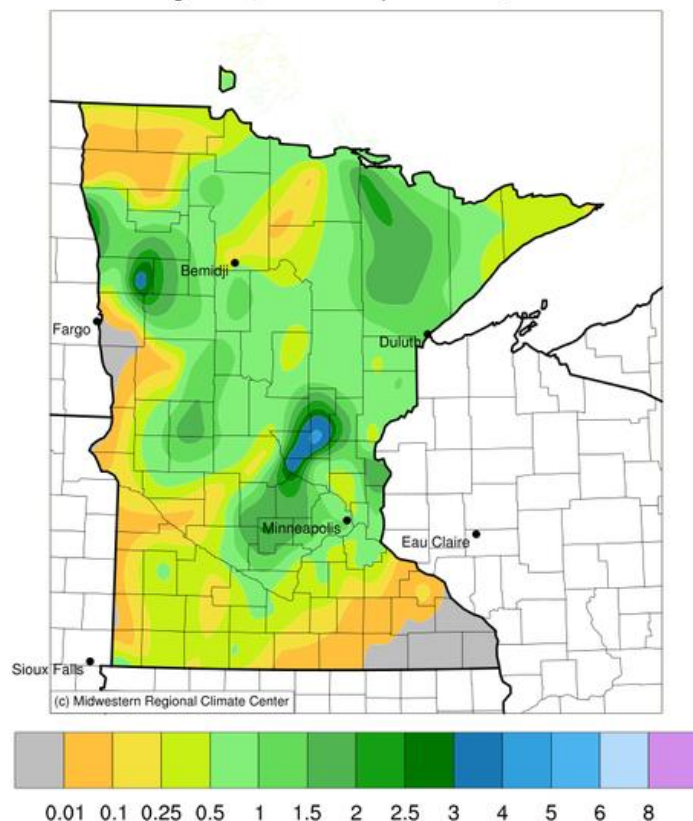
(NA) Not available.

# Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 4, 2016

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**  
August 29, 2016 to September 04, 2016



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 29, 2016 to September 04, 2016



National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html>

Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mygeohub.org/groups/u2u/gdd>

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>